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FOR GARRISON FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. THE FBI LOOKED INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF OUR RELEASING ALL OR SOME OF THE FEW EFFECTS OF ZINYAKIN STILL IN CUSTODY, BUT THE U.S. ATTORNEY HAS DECIDED TO KEEP ALL THE ITEMS UNTIL AFTER THE TRIAL.

2. MOSCOW 18006 RE REPEAL OF MCGOVERN AMENDMENT WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT AND HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED ON THE HILL. THE DEPARTMENT IS HOPING TO WIN THIS ONE.

3. WORD THAT YOU HAVE PERSONNEL PROBLEMS IN B&F HAS REACHED US. EUR/EX IS WORKING ON POSSIBILITIES FOR TDY ASSISTANCE. WOULD IT HELP IF WE COULD SPEED UP O'MARA'S ETA? WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET HIM THERE IN EARLY OCTOBER INSTEAD OF NOVEMBER, PERHAPS EARLIER.

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4. FOR MATLOCK: YOUR BROTHER FRANK CALLED CONCERNING PURCHASE OF A CAR. WILLIAMS CHEVROLET ON "M" STREET NO LONGER EXISTS. HE CHECKED DEALERS IN THE WASHINGTON AREA AND IN GREENSBORO, N.C. ALL TOLD HIM THAT A STATION WAGON EQUIPPED AS YOU WANT IT WOULD REQUIRE A SPECIAL ORDER WHICH THEY CANNOT MAKE AT PRESENT. HE DID FIND, HOWEVER, A BUICK

DEALER IN GREENSBORO WHO IS DRIVING A DEMONSTRATOR WITH THE EQUIPMENT YOU WANT. FRANK WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER YOU WANT HIM TO NEGOTIATE FOR THIS CAR.

5. CONCERNING THE INTERROGATION OF CRAWFORD, I HAVE THE DISTINCT RECOLLECTION THAT THE SOVIETS PASSED A LAW IN THE MID-50S WHICH PROHIBITED ANY QUESTIONING OF A DEFENDANT AT NIGHT. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE A COPY OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AT THIS END, BUT, IF YOU HAVE ONE THERE, YOU MIGHT CHECK THIS OUT. IT WOULD PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL PEG ON WHICH TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE CONTINUING HARASSMENT OF CRAWFORD.

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